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TWO CENTS.

SIGNED THE TREATY

Russia, Japan and the United States Agree on the Seals.

FORMALITY AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Convention Must Be Ratified by the Senate.

DETAILS NOT MADE KNOWN

A convention between the governments of Russia, Japan and the United States looking to the joint protection of the seals was signed at the State Department at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon.

The signature of the treaty took place in the large diplomatic room at the State Department, and was attended by the usual formalities. The delegates of the various governments assembled at least an hour and a haif before the hour appointed for the formal signature of the document, and were met in the diplomatic reception room by ex-Secretary Foster. There were some preliminaries to be disposed of before all was ready for the signatures, and the delegates were obliged to leave the department for short visits to their legations, in order to obtain seals and certain papers of au-thorization that were necessary.

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Finally, just at noon, all was ready, and, led by ex-Secretary Foster, the delegates passed into the diplomatic room and took their places at the long table. The delegates were: For the United States, Messrs. Foster, Hamlin and Jordan; for Russia, M. de Wollant, M. Botkine and M. Routkowsky, and for Japan, Charge Matsui, Mr. Fujiti and Mr. Mitsikuri. Secretary Sherman was not present, as the government was fully represented by its delegates.

The credentials of the delegates were read in turn, and after the treaty had been carefully inspected the signatures were attached. The first signatures were these of Messrs. Foster, Hamlin and Jordan, and the others were attached in order according to the rectificate according to according to the particular copy of the decument held by the delegates. There were three copies of this, one for each nation represented, and the delegates of each nation signed their own copy first. The scaling of the documents was attended to by Mr. Wollant, the charge of the Decision by Mr. Wollant, the charge of the Russian government, and Mr. William Gwynne of the State Department, the latter being an

the State Department, the latter being an expert in this line, having sealed almost every treaty negotiated here since the treaty of Washington.

With the affixing of seals in wax the formalities were concluded, and there was an exchange of congratulations over the consummation of the work. A photographer, who had been waiting in the hall, was then admitted to the room, and a picture was taken of the delegates as they stood was taken of the delegates as they stood at the table in the center of the room. The text of the treaty will not be given

out by the State Department until final ratifications are exchanged. As the document must go to the Senate for its approval, custom requires that it be withheld from publication in this manner. It is said, however, by those concerned that the general purposes of the treaty for a temporary suppression of pelagic scaling have porary suppression of pelagic sealing have been already outlined in The Star. It is likely that all of further interest that rethe additional restrictions that are to

imposed upon pelagic sealing. OFFICIAL WAR RECORDS.

The First Series Has Been Completed and Will Soon Be Distributed. Major George W. Davis of the board of publication of the official records of the Union and confederate armies reports to the Secretary of War that supplementa

vols. LI, in two parts, LII, in two parts and LIII were put in type during the year. When these supplemental volumes shall have been distributed, as they will be in a few months, the public will be in posse sion of the whole first series of printer records, consisting of all the official re ports and correspondence relating to bat tles and campaigns of the war of the rebellion in possession of the department or that have been obtained from private sources and that are thought to be historically valuable. The number of serial volumes is 111, containing an aggregate of 118,216 octavo pages.

The expenditures to date on account of

this publication have been \$2,334,328.

TREASURY PROMOTIONS.

Changes in the Office of the Sixth Auditor.

The following promotions are announced in the office of the auditor for the Post Office Department: H. M. Dean, Pennsylvania, \$1,400 to \$1,600; T. S. Post, Texas, \$1,200 to \$1,400; B. W. Holman, Wisconsin, \$1,400 to \$1,600; B. F. Moore, Ohio, \$1,400 to \$1,600; A. H. Stamp, New York, \$1,200 to \$1,400; W. H. Scholz, Wisconsin, \$1,200 to \$1,400; J. H. Steiner, Maryland, \$1,000 to \$1,200; Mrs. E. M. Brough, District of Co-lumbia, \$720 to \$900; N. Burnham, Mary-land, \$720 to \$900; T. P. Miller, Pennsylvania, 8300 to \$1,000.

THE GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED.

Official Announcement of the Attempt on President Moraes' Life. Secretary Sherman received the following

cable message this morning from United

States Minister Conger at Rio de Janeiro, dated yesterday: "Brazilian soldier attempted to assassing ate the president today. Minister of war in defending him was killed. Great excitement, but not general alarm. Secretary Long received a cablegram from Capt. Chester, commanding the cruiser Cinatt, which is at Rio, containing similar information, and adding that he will delay the departure of the Cincinnati from that

for the protection of American interests, UNION PACIFIC EARNINGS.

ast until satisfied that she is not needed

Annual Report of the Governmen

Directors. The government directors of the Union Pacific railway have made their report to the Secretary of the Interior for the past

fiscal year. "The physical condition of the railroad," they say, "continues to show marked improvement, both in the character of the roadbed and the condition of the equipment. During the year 1896 7,500 tons of new steel rails have been added to the track, and during the current year (1807) 15,000 additional tons have been purchased and are now being placed upon the roadbed. The eastern portion of the Union Division is being thoroughly ballasted, and the property from Omaha to the neighborhood of Grand Island, 154 miles, will compare favorably with many of the first-class rail-

ads of the east." During the fiscal year the road earned \$4,927,681, an increase of \$192,005 over the previous year. The gross receipts were \$14,944,477, and the operating expenses \$9,

"The earnings for 1897," the report says, "reflect to some degree the improved con-ditions of business which now prevail." The report discusses the foreclosure ceedings under which the road was declaring their views, which have made known to the public.

Arrest of Three Clerks in Philadelphia Causes a Sensation.

They Are Accused of Issuing Fraudulent Naturalization Papers for a Consideration.

PHILADELPHIA, November 6.-A sensation was occasioned in political and official circles today by the placing in custody of several city and United States government employes of prominence, charged with conspiracy and the issuance of fraudulent naturalization papers.

The men arrested are Eugene Lindsey, clerk in the city prothonotary's office; John Merrick, assistant clerk for the United States circuit court, and Richard Merrick, father of the latter, who is also a clerk for

the United States circuit court. It is stated that other arrests will be made during the day. It is said that naturalization papers were furnished signers for \$17 apiece, and that quite a number

have been issued. Lindsey and the two Merricks were given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Edmunds, and each gave bail in the sum of \$2,500 for a further hearing on Tuesday next. The warrant upon which the arrests were made charges the defendants with conspiracy in issuing false writings, and the placing of the seal of the United States government on naturalization papers not granted by the court.

NAVAL REORGANIZATION.

A Conference of the Recently Ap-pointed Board.

A conference was held in the office of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt at the Nevy Department today which may have an important bearing on the future of the navy. It was the first meeting of the newly appointed naval personnel board, which is charged with the duty of harmonizing the long existing differences between the line and staff as to the best method of reorganizing the personnel of the navy to meet existing conditions. The board is composed as follows:

as follows:
Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, president;
Capt. R. D. Evans, Capt. A. S. Crowninshield, Capt. A. H. McCormick, Capt. W. T.
Sampson, Commander J. N. Hemphill,
Lieut. Commander R. Wainwright, Engineer in Chief G. W. Melville, Chief Engineer G. H. Kearney, Chief Engineer C.
W. Rae, Passed Assistant Engineer W. M.
McFarland and Lieut. A. L. Key, the last
named being the recorder. The board is
therefore composed of one civilian, seven
line officers and four engineer officers.
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It was in session all day, a short recess being taken at noon for luncheon. The proceedings are secret, but it is known that their main purpose is to prepare a plan for the reorganization of the personnel of the navy, which the Secretary of the Navy will recommend to the favorable action of Congress. Whether the two branches of Congress. Whether the two branches of the service can agree on a measure of this character is questionable, but Secretary Long and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt are determined that it shall be done by this board if possible.

TO BE TRIED AT NORFOLK.

The Mutinous Crew of the Schooner Olive Pecker.

The Attorney General has advised the Secretary of the Navy that he desires to have the mutinous crew of the American schooner Olive Pecker tried at Norfolk, in the eastern district of Virginia. It was at first thought that the case would be brought to trial at Boston, but the language of the statute is so direct and explicit that the question of jurisdiction undoubtedly would be raised and probably with success, if the crew were taken for trial to any point outside the Norfolk dis-trict. To avoid any chance, therefore, of a failure to convict by reason of a defect in the proceedings, the United States marshal at Norfolk has been instructed to take ustody of the prisoners, and United States Attorney White directed to proceed with the trial. The section of the Revised Stat ites which fixes the jurisdiction of cases of this character is 730, which is as follows: "The trial of all offenses committed upon he high seas or elsewhere, out of the jurisdiction of any particular state or district, shall be in the district where the offender is found, or into which he is first brought." Solicitor General Richard will go to folk tonight to spend Sunday with his brother, who is an officer on the United States training ship Lancaster, which brought the prisoners to that port, and during his stay he will confer with United States Attorney White as to the conduct of the case. It is not yet decided whether any of the officials connected with the Department of Justice here will assist in the prosecutions, but it is not likely that they

CAPT. CARTER'S CASE.

Work of the Board of Inquiry Completed.

The board of inquiry in the case of Capt. O. M. Carter, corps of engineers, who was charged with irregularities in the management of the river and harbor works in Savannah harbor, has come to an end, and it is expected that the report of the findings of the board will reach Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, for his indorsement, in the course of a day or two. Capt. Carter is now in Washington, attached to the bureau of military information, and retains his as signment as military attache at Lordon No changes will be made in these details pending the final action of the War Department in his case.

NATIVE HAWAHANS COMING.

They Will Oppose Annexation, but Will Not Favor Restoration.

Word has been received here that the delegation of native Hawaiians who will come to this city to oppose annexation is made up of Prince David Kawananakoa, James K. Kaulia, David Kalauokalani and J. M. Kaneakua. The prince will pay his own expenses, but the expenses of the remaining delegates will be met by a subscription among the natives, the amount to be raised being \$4,560.

The delegation is to arrive at Washington about December 1. Mr. Kaulia will act as official chairman. He will bring with him the resolutions adopted at a mass meeting of natives, the essential feature eing opposition to annexation. The mem ters of the delegation will not urge the storation of the former queen, or other representative of royalty, but will confine their efforts to having the presen status of Hawaii as a republic maintained. The committee will communicate with ex-Queen Liliuokalani and endeavor cure her indorsement of this plan, but fail-ing in this they are authorized to proceed ing in this they are authorized to proceed without her co-operation for the maintenance of the present government. The delegation expects to have an interview with President McKinley. It is said that this movement on the part of some of the natives may be offset by a counter movement of other native Hawaiians favorable

Arranging for His Departure.

to annexation, and that a move in that

Admiral Walker, president of the Nicaagua canal commission, was at the Navy and State Departments today, arranging for the departure of the commission for Nicaragua on the gunboat Newport, which he says will be ready to sail the 20th in-

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY ANTI-HANNA COMBINE

Opposition to Ohio Senator Taking on Definite Shape.

HE WILL BE THE CAUCUS NOMINEE

His Enemies Claim They Have Sixteen Votes Pledged.

OTHER SIDE CONFIDENT

COLUMBUS, Ohio, November 6.-The contest for control of the Ohio legislature is considered ended today. The official counting in some counties will contine next week, but there has been such close watching that no material changes are expected. The indications are that the senate will stand 19 democrats and 17 republicans and the house 51 democrats and 58 republicans, with a majority of 5 republicans on joint ballot. There may be several contested seats, but these cannot be considered till the legislature meets the first Monday in January next. Since it seems to be settled that the republicans have a small majority on joint ballot, the rumors are revived about a combine of certain republican members with the seventy democratic members for the election of some one other than Senator Hanna on the joint ballot.

Caucus Will Nominate. When Senator Foraker was indorsed by he' republican state convention two years ago for his present position in the Senate there was no legislative caucus. It is announced now that there will be a republican senatorial caucus when the legislature convenes next January. Senator Hanna was indorsed at the last state convention for the senate, but the old factional fight that formerly existed between Sherman and Foraker's following and later between the friends of McKinley and Foraker has been revived this year with more intense. been revived this year with more intense feeling than heretofore. It is said that there are about a dozen of the republican members who had some factional opposi-tion in their counties, especially for their nominations, who do not feel kindly to-ward the junior Ohio senator.

Talk of Combines.

There has been so much talk about combires that it is certain that the republicans will hold a joint caucus for the nomination of a candidate for senator, and Senator Hanna will, no doubt, be the caucus nominee. It is thought that as the regular nominee there will be no trouble about his election, as none of the republican members would refuse under the circumstances either to enter the caucus or to support its nominee. There are some republicans, who are not members of the legislature, who are said to be working for each of the results for the support its nominee. are said to be working for an anti-Hanna combine, but none of the members are known to favor such a movement. Gov. Bushnell will have a democratic senate on which to depend for the confirmation of his appointments, and no partisan legislation can be passed.

After State Patronage.

In addition to watching the official counting, the representatives of candidates are out in the counties lect for support in the offices at the organization of both branches, and the senaorial question will enter largely into the organization of both branches, as well as nto the cases of contested seats.

SIXTEEN ANTI-HANNA VOTES.

Senator's Enemies Claim They Can Surely Defeat Him.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. CLEVELAND, Onio, November 6.-Ohio promises to be the political storm center of the country until January 1, when the general assembly meets and elects a senator. The anti-Hanna fight in the republican ranks is just formidable enough to keep Mr. Hanna on the anxious seat until he has been elected to the Senate. The anti-Hannaites claim that they have sixteen votes in the next general assembly which can be depended on with reasonable certainty. Ten of these, they say, are sure to stick. If their clams are only partially true they are sure to defeat Mr. Hanna. If they are wholly correct they may regain the party eadership, of which he has deprived them. Their present plan is to urge either Mayor McKissen of this city or Chas. Kurtz of Columbus for the short term in the Senate and Governor Bushnell for the long term. The original term of ex-Senator Sherman, it will be remembered, does not expire for nearly a year yet, and the first act of the general assembly will be to fill their short term. This same assembly will also fill the term. This

Will Not Coalesce With Democrats. Anti-Hanna leaders will not form a coalition with the democratic members of the next general assembly, with the end in view of doing Hanna. They insist they have enough strength of their own to prevent Mr. Hanna's election, and that in the end the republican members of the assembly, together with some democrats, possi bly, will unite with them in the interests of harmony, and victory will be theirs.
The reports sent out yesterday quoting Kurtz as predicting that Mr. Hann would be the next United States Senato from Ohio, prove to have been false. Mr Kurtz now denies that he ever made such prediction.

senatership, and it may safely be said that ne will not let the honor pass from him.

Senator Will Take a Rest. Senator Henna has decided to take rest. He will leave for the east Monday to be gone about ten days.

He expects to address the Marquette Club at Boston some evening next week. Col. Dick, Senator Hanna's manager, declared this morning that Chairman Mc-Conville's reported scheme to prevent the issuance of election certificates to republicans by getting out injunctions agains the county election boards was nonsense. "They cannot make any headway with any such scheme," said Col. Dick. "The election boards will be carefully watched. If Mr. McConville attempts to get out injunction against them we will promptly ask the courts to Issue mandamus against them to compel them to issue the certificates" Col. Dick will have charge of Senator Hanna's interests during the latter's ab-

HANNA ALMOST INVINCIBLE. sentiment at Celumbus That He Cannot Be Benten.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. COLUMBUS, Ohio, November 6 .- There is scarcely one chance in a hundred now that Senator Hanna will not be elected to succeed himself. The Wood county question will come up for settlement to courts and state election officials who are friendly to the senator, and all republicans,

Custom, precedent and justice are con ceded to be in favor of counting the vote of Center township, which was cast within precinct of Bowling Green-probably an infraction of the law—and this elects Nor-ris, republican, to the legislature by 28 votes. Throwing out the precinct would defeat him by 14 votes, and this is the reason objection is made by the democrats

to a condition that has existed for years with common consent. The courts will undoubtedly seat Norris, but if he is not seated the legislature will still be republicant. ed the legislature will still be republican on joint ballot by three votes, not including

the five fusion republicans from Cincinnati, who will probably not support Senator Hanna

No doubt many Foraker republicans would like to prevent the election of Mr. Hanna, but there is little ground for hope to them that it could be done.

Hanna Badly Knifed. The popular vote for republican members of the legislature is about 25,000 less than the total vote for Bushnell. As there must the state who voted for Chapman, democrat, for governor, but for the republican legislative candidates on account of the money question directly involved, it is easy to see that at least 20,000 republicans—presumably of the Foraker faction—cut Danger of failure of an effort to defeat

him in the legislature and the political proscription for its leaders in that case makes it impossible to get a leader for the movement. If a plan is being perfected now it is kept carefully under cover.

Gov. Bushnell claims that the state committee was enverted golding and a committee was enverted golding. Gov. Bushnell claims that the state committee was converted solely to Senator Hanna's use, and did not give him full support. Now that he is elected to a second term and is under obligations to Senator Hanna he is very indifferent on the senatorial question. There is nothing to indicate, however, that he is acting either for or against Mr. Hanna. It is quite safe to predict that the opposition to Mr. Hanna among the republicans in the legislature will never be more than talk. He will have five majority over all for senator and ten over any one the democrats may nominate.

WELLINGTON AGAINST McCOMAS Junior Senator From Maryland Talks of Result of Election.

over any one the democrats may nominate. The five fusion republicans will probably vote for Geo. K. Nash or Gov. Bushnell.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. BALTIMORE, Md., November 6.-Senator Wellington, who is in town today, declined o say anything about the recent election, beyond expressing his satisfaction that the epublicans should retain the control of the general assembly. He refused to say whom he intended to support in the contest for Senator Gorman's seat, but intimated to his friends that he would suppress Judge Louis E. McComas' chances.

Local politicians feel that Mr. Wellington will prove the dominant factor in deciding he fight, and his attitude will attract great

The question of the presidency of the state senate is also arousing interest. Chairman Norman B. Scott, the senator from Washington county, annoused his candidacy today, and Senators Randall of Anne Arundel, Dryden of Somerset and Wil-kinson of St. Mary's are also in the field. The probabilities are that Mr. Scott will

TODD WILL MAKE A CONTEST. Republican Candidate for Mayor

Louisville Charges Fraud. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., November 6.-Mayor Todd. who says his defeat last Tuesday was a highway robbery, insists that he will ontest the election of Chas. Weaver, who has according to present figures only 2,700 majority. Mr. Todd claims to have the names of 3,000 negroes on his list today who didn't vote and were not allowed

TO FORM A NATIONAL COUNCIL.

onference of Building Trades Rev resentatives at St. Louis.

CHICAGO, November 6 .- An attempt to form a national building trades council will be made at a conference of representatives of the Building Trades Council of the United States, which is called to meet in St. Louis December 20. The Chicago organization last night elected its president, Edward Carroll, to represent it at the meeting. The representation as set forth in the call will be one delegate for each organization represented, or if the central bodies do not desire to send the ull quota of delegates they will be entitled to one vote for each organization in the council. Mr. Carroll will be entitled to 2 votes, that being the number of organizations in the Chicago body. Building trades strikes that conducted in this city in the interest of one or more unions of the central body have been handicapped by the fact that men were imported from other cities and a national council, it is believed, would pre-

ACCIDENT ON LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. Buggy With Two Women Occupants Goes Over Precipice.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., November 6.-A most exciting runaway occurred on Lookout mountain. Mrs. A. P. Lockhart and Mrs. Thomas Wilson were driving a buggy along the road when the horse became frightened at a passing incline car and started at the breakneck speed down the mountain.

About half way down the buggy lodged on a stump. The horse, suddenly brought to a standstill, backed the buggy over a precipice from thirty to forty feet high The animal followed the buggy and was The women were seated in the buggy when the perilous leap was mad and both were fatally injured. At that spot during the last ten years six lives have been lost in a similar

TRAVELING SALESMAN ARRESTED. Edward Aylward Charged With Em

bezzling Employers' Funds. NEW YORK, November 6.-Edward A Aylward, a traveling salesman, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice from Cleveland, Ohio. It is alleged that Avlward embezzled \$405 from the G. Worthington Company, by whom he was em ployed as a collector, a year ago. Aylward claims that he kept the Cleveland people informed as to his whereabouts. He was

GERMAN MINISTER INSULTED.

held for extradition.

Chinese Mob at Wu-Chang Pelts Officers With Stones.

LONDON, November 6.-A special dis patch from Shanghai received today says that the Germin minister to China and the captain of the German gunboat Cormoranth have been attacked by a mob at Wu-Chang, a large city in the province of Hoo-Pee, on the Yang-tse-Kiang river. The rioters are also reported to have stoned the German flag and to have insulted the minister. The latter, the dispatch concludes, has demanded the punishment of

ATTEMPTED BRIBERY CHARGED.

Employe of Kansas City Packing House Under Arrest.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., November 6.-Harris Boyer, foreman at the Dold & Sons packing house, has been arrested by United States Marshal Shelby on a charge of attempting to bribe Don. W. Patton, Leslie J. Allen and Fred. W. Hopkins, government meat inspectors, to pass condemned beef, Boyer, who enters a denial of the charges, was released on his own recognizance and will be given a prompt hearing. The arrest was made on the strength of three indictments against Boyer by the United States grand tury.

Want to Settle Oleomargarine Cases Out of Court.

THE INDICTMENTS AGAINTS WILKINS

have been at least 15,000 gold democrats in Former Cases Compromised by Internal Revenue Office.

THE DISTRICT'S POSITION

Joseph Wilkins, of the firm of Wilkins & Co., dealers in oleomargarine, or his representatives, has offered the commissioner of internal revenue \$7,000 to compromise the cases pending in the District of Columbia and in Philadelphia against alleged violators of the eleomargarine laws. The cases in Washington comprised three indictments against Wilkins & Co. and about forty against dealers charged with selling oleomargarine illegally. The Philadelphia cases are against Joseph Wilkins and Howard Butler, an employe of Wilkins & Co., who are charged by Special Agents Bowen and Van Horn of the internal revenue office of having been apprehended in the act of stripping 138 packages of oleomargarine of stripping 138 packages of oleomargarine of internal revenue stamps and other distinguishing marks required by law at a warehouse in Philadelphia last year. There has been a persistent attempt on the part of the parties under indictment to escape prosecution in the courts here and in Philadelphia by the payment of money into the fraud fund of the Treasury Department. The records of the internal revenue office will show numerous cases where Wilkins & Co. have paid money into the treasury & Co. have paid money into the treasury heretofore, and thereby escaped the prose-cution required by law. Several months ago an effort was made by them to com-promise the cases now pending here and in Philadelphia.

First Offer Declined.

The first offer was declined by Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue Wilson. It is understood that the amount of money to secure a compromise then increased, and that Commissioner of Internal Revenue Forman recommended to Secretary Gage that it be accepted, but that Secretary Gage, owing to the interest taken in the matter by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and Attorney General McKenna, declined to approve Commissioner Forman's recommendation. In spite of these declinations, however, the parties in jeopardy have made another and a larger offer, amounting, it is stated, to \$7,000, and the internal revenue authorities have written the authorities of the United States district attorney's offices in this city and Philadelphia, communica-tions which are said to be virtually arguments in favor of a settlement of the cases out of court, as requested in the communication making the offer. It is understood that in the latter communication Joseoh Wilkins, or his representatives, states that his business has been wrecked, that his health has been broken down by the constant strain upon him; that he is willing to go to the east and start into business there; that he promises never again to violate the laws or regulations governing the sale of oleomargarine, and that his physician has recommended a trip to Europe because of his physical condition.

Attorney Beck's Letter. ments in favor of a settlement of the case

Attorney Beck's Letter.

It was strongly alleged by persons faniliar with the past relations between Mr. Wilkins and the internal revenue office that he made a trip to Europe once before when the internal revenue authorities accepted \$2,1000 as the settlement of a case, which would otherwise have been brought before a judge and jury. It is also understood that Distret Attorney Beck of Philadelphia in reply to the suggestions of the internal revenue office that a compromise of the ase against Wilkins and Butler would be advisable, wrote a letter, stating that as Judge Butler of Philadelphia had hitherto shown no tendency to impose a sentence of imprisonment where persons were convicted of violations of the oleomargarine laws. and as the fine imposed in such a cas could not be more than \$1,900, that, haps, it would be a good thing for revenues of the government to accept the \$7,000 offered. When the authorities of the district attorney's office of the District of Columbia were requested several months ago to consider the advisability of accept-ing the offer of Wilkins then made, the record of the internal revenue office ing to former compromises entered into with parties charged with violating oleomargarine laws, was called for showed many instances where the offenses had been virtually condoned and immurit from the prosecution granted by the pay ment of sums quietly into the irternal revenue office by Wilkins & Co.

WILL SOON BE TRIED.

The Cases of the Competitor Prison ers to Be Taken Up Monday.

A telegram was received by Secretary Sherman this morning from Vice Consul General Springer at Havana, saying that the Competitor prisoners will be tried there by court-martial next Monday and that he will attend the trial. Consul General Lee will leave for New York tomorrow and will sail for Havana Wednesday. He did not call at the State Department or at the White House today, having taken leave of Secretary Sherman and the President vesterday. He did. how ever, visit the Treasury Department, where he signed certain reports in the office of

the auditor for the State Department.

The fact that General Lee will go back to Havana is said in official circles to exhibit the satisfaction of the administra-tion with the progress of the negotiations between Spain and the United States for the peaceful settlement of the Cuban af-fair. It is also cited as a clear indication of the belief of officials that there is no prospect of a clash between the two gov iate future, or in other words, General Lee would have remained at home, if a sever-ance of diplomatic relations was imminent. There are five of the Competitor prison-ers, namely, Alfred Laborde, William Gildea, Ona Melton, Charles Barnett and Wm. Leavitt. They were arrested on the Competitor April 25, 1897, on a charge of landing arms for the insurgents, and have been held in close confinement ever since. May 8, 1897, they were tried by a naval courtmartial and sentenced to death. Only the most energetic action by the United States government prevented the immediate exegovernment prevented the immediate exe-cution of this sentence, and, after negotia-tions direct with Madrid, Weyler having proved unrelenting, an order was secured for a new trial, the Madrid judicial reviewing authorities having found the ceedings informal. The contention of our government has been that these men were government has been that these men were properly subject to the protection afforded by the Cushing protocol, and entitled to counsel, to be confronted with witnesses and all of the guarantees of a fair trial contained in that agreement. The Spanish claim has been that the men, being taken arms in hand, and not on land, are excluded from the benefits of the protocol. The news now coming that they are to be tried by court-martial again is not reasuring, as it amounts to an insistence by the Spanish upon their contention that, if suring, as it amounts to an insistence by the Spanish upon their contention that, if carried out, will, it is expected, lead to the reimposition of the death penalty in case reimposition though clemency may be of conviction, though clemency may extended by General Blanco.

John W., Thompson's Condition. There is no change reported today in the condition of Mr. John W. Thompson. He is about the same as he was yesterday.

Callers Discuss the Elections --- Appointments by the President.

> Kentuckians on the Matter of Patronage-Talk of the Hanna

Appointments announced at the White House today were as follows: Arthur W. Kinney of California, receiver of public moneys at Los Angeles.

James B. Cullison of Oklahoma, register of the land office at Enid, Oklahoma. Robert F. Halpine and Edwin W. Davis, to be second assistant engineers in the revenue cutter service.

George A. Bright, to be a medical director in the navy with the relative rank of captain.

James M. Miller, to be a commander in the navy.

Offices for Kentuckians.

A call was made at the White House today by Senator Deboc. Dr. W. G. Hunter and E. T. Franks of Kentucky. In the summer Senator Deboe had T. J. Yandell appointed as collector of internal revenue of the Owensboro, Ky., district. Both the senator and Mr. Yandell had an under-standing that the appointment was to be temporary and that Mr. Yandell should give way to Mr. Franks, when the latter had been acquitted of charges of attempt-ing to bribe members of the Kentucky leg-islature.

Mr. Franks was one of the Kentucky Mr. Franks was one of the Kentucky leaders indicted on the charges mentioned. Ite was quickly acquitted. The President did not care to appoint Mr. Franks until he had been tried and acquitted. Senator Deboe had with him today the resignation of Mr. Yandell. After talking over the matter, the President decided to appoint Mr. Franks to the yacaney. Mr. Franks to the vacancy.

Dr. Hunter has accepted the Guatemalan mission, and his appointment will shortly be made.

Both Senator Deboe and Dr. Hunter talk-ed with a Star reporter about the result of the election in Kentucky.

"The democrats won by the grossest frauds" said Senator Deboe. "This was especially so in the city of Louisville, where 5,000 men were kept from the polls. It was an off year with the republicans, but we would have won anyhow had it not been for extensive frauds. "The democrats of Kentucky will keep

free silver to the front as an issue, and in the end will be more badly defeated than ever before."

Dr. Hunter also denounced the election as fraudulent. "The result doesn't discourage me in any way," said Dr. Hunter. "The democrats succeeded by the most flagrant frauds and by the stay-at-home republican vote. Kentucky is a republican state and will be kept in the republican column. The state is for sound money, and in an important election the democrats can never win on free silver as an issue." ever before."

Will Not Bolt Hanna. Ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, who is thought to stand a good chance to become register of the treasury to succeed J. Fount Tillman, was at the White House today. The ex-Mississippian has just returned from Ohio, having spent some time prior to the election stumping for the republican ticket. "I am surprised at the absurd talk about Senator Hanna not succeeding himself,"said Ir. Bruce. "I believe I know Ohlo. I was educated in that state and married in Cleveland. I have done political work there for years, If I were a betting man I would wager 10 to I that Senator Hanna is re-elected without trouble. There is no responsible talk in Ohio about knif-ing him. The fact is that these stories start in democratic newspapers. They frighten republicans at a distance, but scare nobody at home. There is no uneasiness among the friends of Senator Hanna

over the situation.' Judge Scott a Caller.

Police Judge Scott called at the White House early to thank the President for his appointment. Judge Scott says he will

exter upon his duties Monday. Mr. Auguste Van Biene is to give a 'cello ecital at the Executive Mansion this afternoon at 5 o'clock for the benefit of the President and Mrs. McKinley. The members of the cabinet have been invited

by the President. Republican National Committeemen Grant of Texas, Long of Florida, Brownlow of Fennessee and Webster of South Carolina, all having appointments to look after, were at the White House to see and talk over the situation in their respective states with the President. Ex-Representative John S. Wise, now of New York, and Representative Walker of Virginia were also

A Hot Fight Over Texas Offices.

National Committeeman Grant of Texas arrived in the city this morning. He will be in a red hot fight to be waged at the White House over the distribution of patronage in Texas. State Chairman Green is expected to reach the city today. He is the principal opponent of Mr. Grant. They have never been able to reach an understanding, and the fight between them goes

on with unabated bitterness. ere are three good places to be filled in Texas by the President so soon as he can get to work upon the papers. They are the collectorship of customs at El Paso, the marshalship of the western district of the state, and the internal revenue collec-torship of the third district. It is understood that the hottest fight will h the latter position. Mr. Grant has recommended C. M. Ferguson for the position while the choice of Mr. Green is said to be Thad. Bell. For the El Paso position the recommendation of Mr. Grant is Robert F. Campbell, a unique figure in Texas polities and for the marshalship John B. Walters Mr. Grant would probably have undispute sway in Texas appointments if Mr. Green had belonged to any of the anti-McKinley factions, but the state chairman, who is a son of Hetty Green, was an ardent sup-porter of the McKinley faction. He is also a strong man, possessing means and ambi-tion. His mother is said to be willing to give him more money for his political am-bitions than for anything else.

Senntor Wolcott Coming.

Senator Wolcott has notified the President that he will be in the city the first of next week and will call at the White House to relate his experiences in behalf of bimetallism in Europe. The senator is expected to have a long chat with the President and to relate the situation more learly than it has ever been given before What the senator may say will probably be revealed in the message of the Presi-dent to Congress, as the President will almost certainly comment on the subject of international bimetallism.

Despite the announcement of the President that he wants some time to write his message and will be unable to see many callers, the waiting room at the House was liberally filled today. Relief for Alaskans.

The President is much concerned over the epresentations that many persons are in

starving condition in Alaska, and it is probable the matter will be fully discussed at the next cabinet meeting. Secretary Alger saw the President, but not alone on the Alaska matter. The Secretary says that the only thing the government can do now is to formulate a rlan and make a recommendation to Congress asking for an appropriation, as there are no ships or money at the disposal of the gove to purchase and send supplies to th kan sufferers.

BUILDING

The Evening Star is the only afternoon paper in Washington that receives the dispatches of

the Associated Press. It is

therefore the only one in which the reader can find the complete news of the world, directly trans-

mitted by telegraph, up to the moment of going to press.

Work in Progress in Constructing a Line to Chesapeake Bay.

WHAT IS SAID BY THE PROMOTERS

A Proposed Trolley Extension of the Columbia Road.

PLEASURE RESORT

Active work is in progress in the building of the roadbed for the proposed Chesapeake Bay railroad. Two gangs of men are employed in grading. There is one at Seat Pleasant, Md., where the contractor, H. T. Burrows, directs operations. There is another at Marlboro', where the men are in the employ of H. H. Green, contractor. Mr. Burrows said today to a Star reporter that he expected the work of grading the roadbed in the section of the road from the District line to Mariboro' would be completed

by the 1st of next January. A force of men, it is stated, is also at work at the terminus of the line on Chesapeake Beach, where a pier is being built, which, when completed, will extend into the bay 2,000 feet. It is stated by the projectors of this enterprise that they propose to have the entire road ready for operation

by the 1st of May next.

Mr. Charles Popper, the treasurer of the Chesapeake Bay Construction Company, was seen today by a Star reporter at the office of the company in the Columbia rall-road power house, 15th and H streets northeast. Mr. Popper said that in addition to the work which is above described, contracts have been made for the ties, some of which had been delivered on the ground. A contract had also been made for the rails.

Within the District.

He said that it would be necessary for the company to get from Congress authority to construct their railroad within the bounds of the District, but in order that no time should be lest, the work of building the rest of the line was being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and as soon as permission was obtained from Congress he expected that the portion of the road lying in the District would be

constructed. Mr. Popper said that the exact route of the proposed road within the limits of the District had not fully been decided upon, but it is understood that the line which is looked upon with favor by the promoters of this enterprise is one that practically follows that of the Southern Maryland railroad. As will be remembered, this latter road was constructed some limits. road was constructed some twenty years ago and was fully completed, even the tracks being laid. The scheme was, however, never carried out, and while the roadbed remains, the ties have rotted, and, of course, the rails are useless.

Columbia Raffrond Extension. It is further said that the terminus of the road nearest the city will be in the neighborhood of Deanewood or Benning, on the Pennsylvania railroad, and at this latter point it is said to be the plan to connect with a street railroad which is to be constructed by the Columbia railroad extending from the present eastern terminus of its line, at 15th and H streets northeast, clong the Benning road to Deanewood. It will be necessary for the Columbia railroad to obtain the permission of Congress to build this extension, but it is said that all the preliminary work is be-ing done, and that the proposed route has

been fully surveyed. It is stated to be the intention of the company to operate this proposed extension of the road by the overhead trolley.

With this railroad connection, by which passengers can reach the heart of the city t is claimed that the entire trip to the salt water in the Chesapeake hay can be made over this route from the Treasury Department, for example, within one hour. It is the intention to establish on the shores

f the Chesapeake a pleasure resort, and

In talking about this matter, Mr. Popper

projectors propose to erect there a hotel and a cafe. Views of a Promoter

said he thought many of the residents of Washington, especially during the heated term, would be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to reach salt water within one hour after leaving the city he said provision would be made so those who desired to do so could spend the night at the beach, returning in time for business in the city the next day.

He said that the purpose in building

such a long pier was to provide a means for vessels to make a landing, and in this way he said that oysters and fish could be landed at the wharf and brought to the city within an hour after being taken from the water. He said that the country through which the road passed was capable of development in the line of truck farming and this railroad would afford a ready means of access to the

Washington market. More Direct Line.

The proposed line of the road from Deanewood to the beach is twenty-five miles, and will follow a more direct line to Marlboro' than the road which was proposed to be built some five years ago. A bridge is to be built across the Patuxent at Leon, Md., and then the line will be

almost direct to the beach.

It will be recalled, perhaps, that some five years ago the Wasnington and Chesa-peake Railway Company was organized and right of way was secured, and considerable work was done toward constructing the roadbed. At the same time about a thou-sand acres of land, having a front of about three miles on the beach, was purchased, and it was the intention to establish a village there and a resort in connection with

the railroad. The financial depression came along and other causes contributing, the road went into the hands of a receiver. It was ninally sold to one of the largest creditors, a firm in New York. About two months ago this road was purchased by a syndicate, which organized the Chesapeake Bay Con-struction Company, that is now engaged

in building the road. The Men Interested.

The officers and directors of this company are as follows: Otto Mears of Denver, Col. president; A. C. Dunn of New York, vice president; John L. McNeil of Denver, Col., secretary; Charles Popper of New York, treasurer, and David H. Moffat of Denver, Col. The chief engineer is L. H. Hyer. The personnel of the organization of the Chesa-peake Bay Railroad Company is the same as that of the Construction Company, and these men will manage the railroad and resort when the work of construction is completed. As stated above, the office of the Construction Company is in the power house of the Columbia Railroad, at 15th and H streets northeast.

There will be a number of changes in the route as fixed upon by the former company, perhaps the most notable being just outside of Deanewood, where the former proposed line makes quite a large circuit which the present promoters of the road propose to

Skeptical Land Owners. Other changes will be made which require

the granting from land owners of rights of way. Mr. Popper said, today, in talking with a Star reporter, that the people all throughout that region of Maryland were